GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:362
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2000
DEVELOPMENT OF TEMPLES AS TOURIST SPOTS
SURESH CHANDEL

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted a study group to develop the famous temples of India into tourist places;

(b) if so, whether this study group has also recommended to develop some world renowned temples of Himachal Pradesh on this line;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(d) the funds allocated for this purpose and the names of temples in Himachal Pradesh which have been developed or are proposed to be developed on this line?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a),(b),(c) & (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 362 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18-08-2000 REGARDIN DEVELOPMENT OF TEMPLES AS TOURIST SPOTS.

(a): No Sir.

(b) & (c) : Does not arise.

(d): The Central Department of Tourism does not have any scheme for development of temples. However, central financial assistance is provided to the State Governments/Union Territories for development of tourist infrastructure around the places of pilgrimage. Accordingly, central financial assistance was provided to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for ten tourism projects amounting to Rs. 219.41 lakhs for developing tourist facilities around some of the famous temples. The details of the projects are as follows :-

S.No.	Name of Project/Scheme	Amount (Rs.in Lakhs)
1.	Construction of Sarai at Chamunda Devi in Distt. Kangra, H.P.	08.23
2.	Tourist Inn at Rewalsar in Nandi Distt.	12.05
3.	Tourist Lodge at Hatkoti, Shimla, Distt.	17.00
4.	Tourist Lodge at Chintpurni in Una Distt.	10.00
5.	Tourist Facilities at Jwalamukhi in Kangar Distt.	12.70
6.	Yatri Niwas at Jawalamukhi	27.19
7	Tourist complex at Paonta Sahib in Sirmour Distt.	27.11
8.	Yatri Niwas at Deotsidh in Hamirpur Distt.	15.00
9.	Integrated Tourism Development Plan for Renuka in Sirmour Distt.	50.00
10.	Development of Prashar Lake area in Mandi Distt.	40.13

TOTAL	219.41